(b) the efforts being made/already made till now to dispose of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) As per available information, 2,37,672 cases are pending in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh as on 30th June 2006.

(b) Disposal of cases pending in High Courts is a cause of concern both for the Government and Judiciary. In order to clear the pending cases in various courts, the Government has initiated a number of measures which include, timely filling up of the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases, involving common questions of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration, and setting up of special courts, Family Courts and Labour courts.

Construction of court buildings and residential quarters in Maharashtra

2013. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted the proposal for getting financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities like construction of Court buildings and residential quarters for Judges;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when the financial assistance will be provided to the Maharashtra Government for the development of infrastructural facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharashtra has submitted its proposal for a 10 Years Perspective Plan for the development of infrastructure facilities like construction of court buildings and residential quarters for judicial officers and the same along with proposals received from other States is under examination. The matter of release of central

assistance to Maharashtra for the year 2006-07 for development of infrastructural facilities is separately under process.

Bench of Cuttack High Court

†2014. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mass movement is going on for a Bench of Cuttack High Court in western region of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of Government's plan to set up this Bench?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The Government of India is not aware of any such movement.

(b) The proposal for setting up of a Bench of a High Court is considered on receipt of a complete proposal from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court. However, no such proposal has been received.

Strength of judges in Chhattisgarh High Court

†2015. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of judges in Chhattisgarh High Court;

(b) the number of vacancies which have been filled up;

(c) the proposal for the creation of new posts; and

(d) the action being taken for their speedy disposal keeping in view the number of pending cases in the Hon'ble High Court of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) The sanctioned strength of the Chhattisgarh High Court is 8 Judges.

(b) There is no vacancy on the Bench of the High Court.

(c) Currently, there is no proposal to create any additional post of Judge in the Chhattisgarh High Court.

(d) It is for the High Court to evolve methods and procedures for expeditious disposal of cases and reduction in pendency.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.